

# Solving PDEs Associated with Economic Models

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- Used in EconPDEs
  - The Jacobian corresponding to a second-order PDE  $F(f, f_x, f_{xx})$  with first-order finite difference scheme a Triangular Matrix of size  $n_x$
  - The Jacobian corresponding to a system of second-order PDE  $F(f^1, f_x^1, f_{xx}^1, \dots, f^J, f_x^J, f_{xx}^J)$  with first-order finite difference scheme is a Sparse Matrix of size  $n_x \times J$  with non zeros subdiagonal at  $i \times n_x - 1, i \times n_x, i \times n_x + 1$  for  $i \in [[-J, J]]$ .  
Alternatively, it can be written as a Block Triangular Matrix where blocks are dense of size  $J \times J$  by writing the system as  $f^1(x_1), f^1(x_2), \dots, f^J(x_1)$ , etc
  - The Jacobian corresponding to the system  $F(f, \nabla f, f_{x_2}, f_{x_1 x_1}, f_{x_1 x_2}, f_{x_2 x_2})$  with first-order finite difference scheme is a Block Triangular Matrix of size  $n_x \times n_y$  where each block is itself a Triangular Matrix.  
Alternatively, it can be written as a Block Triangular Matrix where blocks are dense of size  $2 \times 2$
- In summary, EconPDEs would benefit from specialization on Triangular Matrix and Block Triangular Matrix (with blocks either dense or Triangular themselves).
- A package that wants to solve PDEs using high-order finite difference scheme would benefit from specialization on BandedMatrix / Block Banded Matrix
- Used by Jesse Perla
  - Some problems in economics have the form of a system  $F(f, f_x, f_{xx})$ , and  $\int f(x)g(x) = 1$ . where  $g$  is known. IN this case, the Jacobian is a Triangular matrix + dense row.
- Others
  - $F(f, f_x, f_{xx})$  with  $n$ -th order finite difference scheme a Banded Matrix with band size  $n$ .

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